

October Newsletter

For this month, the newsletter is going to have a bit more of a “chocolate and vanilla” feel to it. The information is just as important as always, but it’ll be more basic in appearance. Please be sure to read it in its entirety!

PM’s October Highlights:

It’s hard to believe that we’re this far into the programming year already! I wanted to bring to your attention a few updates and future events that are important to the life of our congregation.

- 1. Secretarial Update:** On September 19th we officially welcomed **Teri Magnusson** to Messiah’s office staff as Teri began to serve as our secretary. Well, around that same time, Teri’s mom, Jane Wold, was put on hospice care. Because of that major shift in Teri’s life, Teri has decided to step away from the secretarial position to focus on caring for Jane. In addition to holding Jane in prayer, please continue to pray for Teri as she immerses herself in the holy work of lovingly serving her mother at this transitional point in life. Back in the office, we are immensely grateful that **Aimee Wilson** has agreed to serve as our interim secretary. At this point, we’re planning on the interim lasting at least through Easter of 2019. At that time, we’ll reevaluate the long-term options of the position.
- 2. BEER & HYMNS:** You may have started to hear whispers of our upcoming **Beer & Hymns** event on **Sunday, October 14th**, at the **Oak Crest Golf Course Club House**. This event has become quite popular at churches across the nation. It’s been said to be the mixing of froth with faith, the marriage of pilsner with praise, the uniting of songs and suds. It may seem like it’s the mixing of traditional and modern, but, as far back as the 16th century, Martin Luther would gather students together with his family after meals to sing hymns, discuss matters of faith, and enjoy a brew crafted by his wife, Katie. Luther is attributed with having said “It’s better to think of church in the ale-house than to think of the ale-house in church.” So, join us, as we gather with our friends from Moe in thinking about the church at the ale-house as we sing, enjoy a refreshment, and hear a brief word. If your curiosity is peaked, come out that evening and see what you think! Beer is optional. Singing is encouraged. Having fun is required. If you are in need of child-care, please let Pastor Michael know.
- 3. CONFIRMATION:** Be sure to mark your calendars for October 28th as we will celebrate with 16 of our young adults who will be affirming their baptisms—it’s a day you certainly won’t want to miss!

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Michael

October

"J-FILES REPORT"

Ephesians 2:8: "For by Grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing, It is the Gift of God".

Greetings and Love to everyone! Welcome to the month of October! September was a great month of New Starts with 7-12 Grade R.O.C.K., 10-12 Grade Peer Ministry, Youth Praise Band, 4-6 Grade Hang Time, Sunday School and 7-9 Grade Confirmation beginning! 10-12 Grade Tuesday Breakfast Club and 1-3 Grade J.A.M. begin in October! We have 30 youth enrolled in our Confirmation program this year, 15-20 Sr High Youth involved in Peer Ministry/Leading 7-12 Grade R.O.C.K! It was a great month of reconnecting with each other, building up relationships with one another and with Christ! We started out R.O.C.K. with 50 youth gathered around a bonfire worshiping God with a campfire worship! Our theme Verse for that night was Ephesians 2: 8 listed on top of page! Our goal this year for our Youth Ministry Programs is to focus on the Grace we received from Christ and to share this Gift with others through Service, Worship, Small Groups, Weekly Scripture Verses, Closing Prayer Activities and fellowship! This will be a main focus throughout the 2018-2019 School Year!

With Halloween falling on Wed Night this year our YOUTH MINISTRY will be offering a Special Halloween Night Event on Wed, Oct 31st with **TRUNK OR TREAT EVENT AT MESSIAH** from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm! This is FOR ALL AGES YOUTH TO ADULTS as there is No Regular Wed night Youth ministry this night! We will have vehicles lined up in a U-Shape on West Side Parking lot where youth from community can come and Trick or Treat at Each vehicle from their Trunk/Hatch Back of vehicle all decorated in some theme with costumes! After youth done trick or treating they can go inside Fellowship Hall for Food, Hot Chocolate and to vote for the Car they liked the best for decorations and we will have a Prize for the Car that wins! To Register a Vehicle to decorate the Trunk for Trick or Treating Please Contact Jay to sign up and get more info! Should be an Awesome Night and it can be Jr/Sr High Youth and Adults that can bring a car that is decorated! Each Vehicle Provides their own Candy to hand out to the Trick or Treaters!

God Bless, Jay Ostgaard

THINGS TO KNOW SO YOUTH CAN GROW:

Please check October Youth Calendar for Schedule of all our Youth Ministry Events for Youth in Grades 1 thru 12!

MIDDLE SCHOOL (Grades 6th, 7th & 8th) SYNOD YOUTH GATHERING: This is Sat/Sun, November 17th thru Nov 18th @ Luther Crest Bible Camp in Alexandria, MN! Cost will be \$100 (was \$120 but Messiah Subsidizing \$20 For each student)! Cost includes awesome t-shirt, powerful messages, great music, terrific nightlife, moving educational experiences, fun games, housing, and all meals (Dinner on day one, breakfast & lunch on Day two)! The Speakers for the gathering are Pastor Sue Koesterman-head of Churches United Homeless Shelter in Moorhead, MN and Jake Anderson-Associate Pastor in Fergus Falls, MN where his focus is on lay leadership and social justice ministry! Our Worship Music will be led by members of the Red River Worship Band from Fargo-Moorhead Area! Registration is NOW OPEN & Deadline to register is by Sunday, Oct. 21st, 2018! See Jay for more Information and registration forms! Please contact Jay @463-1648 or 242-2221 to visit or to help out!!!!!!!!!!

October

MESSIAH YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

- Wed, Oct. 3rd:** 3:30 pm: 4-6 Grade Hang Time (Need Adult to bring Snacks)
5:15 pm: Youth "Time Out" Supper, Meal is served by Charissa McDonald & Torie Olson
6:00 pm: 7th, 8th & 9th Grade Confirmation Class
6:45 pm: 7-12 Grade R.O.C.K. Youth Group Mystery Night
8:00 pm: 10-12 Peer Ministry & Youth Praise Band Practice
- Sun, Oct. 7th:** 9:00 am: Jay Leads Worship @ Salol First Lutheran
10:00 am: Worship Service @ Messiah
11:00 am: Sunday School (Jr High meets in the New Youth Room)
- Tues, Oct. 9th:** 7:15 am: 10-12 Grade Tuesday Morning Breakfast Club @ Messiah (Kelly Flaig/Paula Hedlund bringing Breakfast)
- Wed, Oct. 10th:** 3:30 pm: 4-6 Hang Time & 1-3 Grade J.A.M. Youth Groups (Need Adult to bring snacks)
5:15 pm: Youth "Time Out" Supper, Meal is served by Beth Spilde & Lisa Severson
6:00 pm: 7th, 8th & 9th Grade Confirmation Class
6:45 pm: 7-12 Grade R.O.C.K. Youth Worship Night (Beth Spilde & Lisa Severson Adult Volunteers)
8:00 pm: 10-12 Grade Peer Ministry
- Sun, Oct. 14th:** 10:00 am: Worship Service @ Messiah
11:00 am: Sunday School (Jr High meets in the New Youth Room)
- Wed, Oct. 17th:** 3:30 pm: 4-6 Grade Hang Time
7:00 pm: Rams Home Football Game
10:00 pm: 7-12 Grade Fall Lock-In @ Messiah (Each Messiah Youth may bring 1 Friend) Lock In done at 8am next morning
PLEASE NOTE: NO TIME OUT SUPPER & NO CONFIRMATION CLASSES THIS DAY DUE TO MEA SCHOOL BREAK
- Sun, Oct. 21st:** 9:00 am: Jay Leads Worship at Salol First Lutheran
10:00 am: Worship Service
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL DUE TO FALL BREAK AT SCHOOL
- Wed, Oct. 24th:** 5:15 pm: Youth "Time Out" Supper-meal is served by Kathy Zencius & Dawn Bachleitner
6:00pm: 7th, 8th & 9th Grade Confirmation Classes
6:45pm: 7-12 Grade R.O.C.K. Serve & Giving Night (Kathy & Dawn Adult Volunteers)
6:45pm: 10 Grade Student/Parent Confirmation Rehearsal
8:00pm: 10-12 Grade Peer Ministry/Youth Praise Band Practice
- Sun, Oct. 28th:** 10:00 am: Rite of Confirmation Worship Service
11:00 am: Sunday School (No Jr High Sunday School due to Jay at Confirmation Open Houses)
- Wed, Oct. 31st:** 5:30 pm-8:30 pm: Halloween TRUNK OR TREAT @ Messiah Parking Lot for trick or treating & Food & Hot Chocolate in Fellowship Hall
(SEE JAY to Enter your Car in the Trunk or Treat Event-open to Jr/Sr High Youth & Adults for having a car entered and Event is for all Ages to come Trick or Treat and get some food & Hot Chocolate!! (Adult Helpers Kristie Ballard & Jen Glodowski)

EVERY THURSDAY MORNING AT 8:10 AM IS 7-12 Grade STUDENT LED PRAYER TIME @ ROSEAU SCHOOL OLD CAFETERIA!

EVERY WED, 1:00PM @ MESSIAH IS 4TH-6TH GRADE RELEASE TIME CLASSES!

PLEASE CHECK YOUTH BULLETING BOARDS FOR FLYERS ON SPECIAL EVENTS OR CHECK YOUR EMAILS!
IF YOU ARE NOT RECEIVING EMAILS ON YOUTH ACTIVITIES & SCHEDULES
PLEASE SEND ME YOUR EMAIL AT jjostgaard@gmail.com Thanks!

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

-Messiah Men's Meeting & Steak Fry will be at 6 PM on Tuesday, October 9th at Mud Creek Camp. See Duane Erickson & John Wahlberg for more information. Join us for Food & Fellowship! Sign up in Narthex. Cost is \$15

-Eunice Circle will be meeting on Tuesday, October 16th at 7 PM at Messiah in the new Gathering Room – no preparation necessary for the Bible Study.

-Welcome to God's Family: On October 7th, through the sacrament of Holy Baptism, we will be welcoming Oliver Eli Hanson into the family of God. Oliver is the son of Matt and Amanda Hanson.

-Thanks for Giving Baskets: Tickets are on sale on October 7th! Get your baskets ready for this year's mission event. Bring your baskets to the church as soon as possible. Drawing will be held November 18th. You can drop your finished baskets off at the church during business hours. Use your imagination and create a basket. This is our main mission fund raiser.

-Moe Turkey Feed: Sunday, October 7th 11:00 – 12:30; Moe Fellowship Hall

-Interested in Joining Messiah? We plan on having a new members class and dinner in November. Please let Pastor Michael or the church know if you're interested!

-LWR Kits: We will pack/label and weigh "kits" at the church the first part of November. Specific dates and times to follow!

-Sweet Roll Sunday—Thank You!

Thank you to all who stayed after worship on September 30th to enjoy a fresh and tasty cinnamon roll made by Kim Langlie and the Stewardship Committee! \$860.00 was raised and will go towards hurricane relief efforts in the Carolinas.

Messiah Lutheran Church Council Meeting – August 28, 2018

The meeting was called to order in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Bob led devotions.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pastor Michael, Jodie Janzen, Larry Hosaluk, Rob Larson, Bob Tuttle, Bonnie Hagen, Duane Erickson, Sandy Baumgartner, Allen Olson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Shelly LaPlante

Caring Conversations: The first things I do after I get up are ..

Additions/Changes to the Agenda: None

Adoption of the agenda was made on a motion by Bonnie, seconded by Allen. Carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Recap Goals: New Technology, Safety Plan (Bob will be working on it in September), Contact Info/ Volunteer Recruitment (update given by Bonnie), Contemporary Music (meeting held today)
- B. Secretarial Update: Teri Magnusson has accepted the position working three full days per week (Tues., Wed., & Thurs.). Elaine will not train but will work until Teri start the middle of September.
- C. Outdoor Cross – No news from Ryan Severson to date.
- D. Beer & Hymns – Moe Council approved this concept & will plan the first event to be this fall at Oakcrest Golf Course.
- E. Digitizing Records – has been completed. The information is stored on the church computer & backed to the Cloud.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Local Church Break Ins / Church Security – nothing new to date. Will research security camera set-ups appropriate for our use.
- B. Thanks for all of the building improvements: Formal letter from Council or possible thank you at the Annual Meeting.

REPORTS:

- A. Minister's Report: Pastor Michael reported on vacation, getting ready for fall activities, Rally Sunday, New member conversations with 3-4 units.
- B. Youth Director's Report: Jay was present to review the activities from August and plans for the fall.
- C. Secretary's Report: A motion to approve the minutes from 7/26/18 meeting made by Sandy, seconded by Jodie. Carried.
- D. Treasurer's Report: A motion to approve the Treasures Report was made by Bonnie, seconded by Rob. Carried.
- E. Committee Ministry Reports:
 1. Parish Ed (liaison: Jodie Janzen, next meeting: September 5th @ 8pm)
 2. Property (liaison: Rob Larson, next meeting: October 24th @ 5:00 PM).
 3. Stewardship (liaison: Larry Hosaluk, next meeting September 13th @ 11:30 AM). Notes from last month include ELCA "Always Being New" Campaign with donor match on cost, Chili Cookoff, Temple Talk in October, Narrative Story of our church which highlights the cost of running a church, financial outlook, etc.
 4. Worship Planning (liaison: Duane Erickson, - next meeting TBD).
 5. Youth & Family (liaison: Shelly LaPlante, next meeting TBD)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- A. Rally Sunday/Congregational Picnic @ Park on September 9th after worship.
- B. Temple Talk / Blessing of the New Screens – September 16th
- C. Sweet Roll Sunday – September 23rd

Devotions Next Month: Allen

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, September 20, 2018 at 5:30 PM

Meeting adjourned on a motion by Larry, seconded by Sandy. Carried.

We closed with the praying of the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Hagen, Secretary

SERVING SCHEDULE (OCTOBER)

Holy Communion Servers at Messiah

- Oct 7 (Alt) Kathy Howard, Cheryl Schleppenbach, Nancy Tveit
Oct 14 (Intine) Bill & Sue Jennings, Micky Slater
Oct 21 (Alt) Missy Okeson, Barb Erickson, Gloria Skutvold
Oct 28 (Intine) Bonnie Hagen, Roxanne Fabian, Eileen Carter

Lay Reader

Oct 7 Carol guy

Oct 14 Dave Grafstrom

Oct 21 Gloria Skutvold

Oct 28 Mark Wilson

Greeters

- Oct 7 Jeff, Kristie, Mya & Alex Ballard
Oct 14 Ellie H., Laura H., Madicyn & Ava H.
Oct 21 TBA
Oct 28 TBA

Ushers

- Oct 7 Robert & Joyce Larson
Oct 14 John & Eileen Carter
Oct 21 Mike & Sandy Baumgartner
Oct 28 Mike & Sandy Baumgartner
Robert & Joyce Larson

Coffee/Snacks

- Oct 7 Robert & Joyce Larson
Oct 14 Paula Hedlund & Cindy Holmgren
Oct 21 TBA
Oct 28 Servers Needed only (Cupcakes
For Confirmation)

Scripture Readings

Genesis 2:18-24, Psalm 8
Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12, Mark 10:2-16

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15, psalm 90:12-17
Hebrew 4:12-16, Mark 10:17-31

Isaiah 53:4-12, Psalm 91:9-16
Hebrews 5:1-10, Mark 10:35-45

Jeremiah 31:7-9, Psalm 126
Hebrews 7:23-28, mark 10:46-52

Counters

- Oct 7 Dave & Sharon Grafstrom
Oct 14 Bill & Sue Jennings
Oct 21 Duane and Barb Erickson
Oct 28 Jon & Bonnie Hagen

Council Rep

- Oct 7 Rob Larson
Oct 14 Duane Erickson
Oct 21 Allen Olson
Oct 28 Sandy Baumgartner

Sound Booth

- Oct 7 Marty Trangsrud, Paul Grafstrom
Oct 14 Ryan Lisell, Karyn Santl
Oct 21 Keith Okeson, Bob Tuttle
Oct 28 Paul Grafstrom, Marty Trangsrud

If you are unable to serve on the Sunday you are scheduled, please switch with someone and make a note here.

~Thank you for your willingness to serve~

NOTES FOR SECRETARY: